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ESCHE advises SOCOTEC on the acquisition of Röhl Munitionsbergung GmbH and Koch Munitionsbergung GmbH

SOCOTEC, a leading group active in testing, inspection and certification services (TIC) for the construction and infrastructure industries has acquired Röhl Munitionsbergung GmbH and Koch Munitionsbergung GmbH, both of which are specialized on civil explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) services. ESCHE has advised its longstanding client SOCOTEC on the legal aspects and tax structuring of the transaction.

SOCOTEC Deutschland is a leading technical service provider in the fields of testing, inspection, certification and planning for the construction and infrastructure sectors as well as the holding company for the German entities of French SOCOTEC group. Röhl is one of the oldest and most renowned companies in the field of civil explosive ordnance disposal in Europe and is specialized in technically demanding public projects. Koch, which is part of the Röhl-Group since 2024, complements such expertise with its longstanding experience in forest, agriculture, submarine and grid infrastructure projects. Both companies together generated revenues in 2024 of approximately EUR 46 million.

The combination of Schollenberger Kampfmittelbergung, Röhl and Koch under the roof of SOCOTEC Kampfmittelbergung positions SOCOTEC in Germany as industry market leader and expands its capacities to implement large national projects and to offer integrated and reliable security solutions. Furthermore, with these acquisitions SOCOTEC furthers its European growth strategy and strengthens its position in technically demanding mission critical areas.

ESCHE advised SOCOTEC on the legal aspects and on the tax structuring of the transaction. With this project, ESCHE underlines its competence for cross-border transactions between Germany and France.

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